

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

Mr. RADANOVICH. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, S. 1219, introduced by Senator CONRAD BURNS and supported by our Montana colleague, Mr. DENNIS REHBERG, allows two Fort Peck Indian Reservation tribes to lease water to nearby non-Indian communities. Because water supplies are very scarce in northern Montana, Congress authorized the construction of a rural water supply project for the Fort Peck Indian Reservation and some of its neighbors.

With the project now under way, water users realize that the underlying law needs to be clarified to ensure a water transfer can be made. This bill makes this commonsense clarification on a Federal level. The State Water Commission has already approved the conveyance.

I urge my colleagues to support this noncontroversial bill.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Ms. BORDALLO asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, this legislation is the companion to H.R. 2978, a bill that passed the House of Representatives this past May. S. 1219 offers a sensible and a cooperative solution to a water supply problem in eastern Montana. Too often in this body we are witness to conflicts over resources, especially when it comes to water problems in our western States. This bill is a welcome departure from that.

Mr. Speaker, we strongly support the adoption of the Senate bill 1219.

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. RADANOVICH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 1219.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds of those voting having responded in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the Senate bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### MORE WATER AND MORE ENERGY ACT OF 2006

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5110) to facilitate the use for irrigation and other purposes of water produced in connection with development of energy resources, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 5110

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "More Water and More Energy Act of 2006".

#### SEC. 2. PRODUCED WATER.

The Water Resources Research Act of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10301 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end thereof a new section, as follows:

##### "SEC. 112. PRODUCED WATER.

"(a) STUDY.—The Secretary, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation and the Director of the United States Geological Survey, shall conduct a study to identify—

"(1) the technical, economic, environmental (including potential adverse effects on water quality), legal, and other obstacles to increasing the extent to which produced water can be used for irrigation and other purposes; and

"(2) the legislative, administrative, and other actions that could reduce or eliminate such obstacles.

"(b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary shall report to the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate regarding the results of the study required by this section.

##### "(c) PROJECTS AUTHORIZED.—

"(1) In the implementation of authority available to the Secretary prior to the date of enactment of this section and subject to the availability of funds appropriated for the purpose, the following projects are authorized:

"(A) At least one project in one of the Upper Basin States.

"(B) At least one project in one of the Lower Basin States other than California.

"(C) At least one project in California.

"(2) Funds obligated under this subsection—

"(A) shall not exceed \$1,000,000 for any project;

"(B) shall be used to pay not more than 50 percent of the total cost of a project;

"(C) shall not be used for operation or maintenance of any facility; and

"(D) may be in addition to assistance provided by the United States pursuant to other provisions of law.

"(d) ADDITIONAL CONSULTATION, REVIEW, ADVICE, AND COMMENT.—In implementing this section, including preparation of the report required by subsection (b) and the establishment of criteria to be used in connection with award of assistance pursuant to subsection (c), the Secretary shall—

"(1) consult with the Secretary of Energy, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and appropriate Governors and local officials;

"(2) review any relevant information developed in connection with research carried out by others, including research carried out pursuant to section 999 of Public Law 109-58, and to the extent the Secretary considers advisable include such information in the report required by paragraph (3);

"(3) seek the advice of individuals with relevant professional or academic expertise and of companies or individuals with industrial experience, particularly experience related to production of oil, natural gas, or other energy resources, including geothermal resources; and

"(4) solicit comments and suggestions from the public.

"(e) RELATIONSHIP TO STATE LAWS AND INTERSTATE AUTHORITIES AND COMPACTS.—Nothing in this section shall be construed as superseding, modifying, abrogating, or limiting—

"(1) the effect of any State law or any interstate authority or compact with regard

to any use of water or the regulation of water quantity or quality; or

"(2) the applicability or effect of any Federal law or regulation.

"(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

"(1) The term 'produced water' means water from an underground source, that is brought to the surface as part of the process of exploration for or development of oil, natural gas, coalbed methane, or any other substance to be used as an energy source.

"(2) The term 'Secretary' means the Secretary of the Interior.

"(3) The term 'Upper Basin States' means the States of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming.

"(4) The term 'Lower Basin States' means the States of Arizona, California, and Nevada.

"(5) The term 'project' means the provision of financial assistance for the development of a facility to demonstrate the feasibility, effectiveness, and safety of processes to increase the extent to which produced water may be recovered and made suitable for use for irrigation, municipal or industrial uses, or other purposes.

"(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated—

"(1) \$1,000,000 to carry out the study required by subsection (a); and

"(2) \$5,000,000 to carry out the other provisions of this section."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. RADANOVICH) and the gentlewoman from Guam (Ms. BORDALLO) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

H.R. 5110, sponsored by our colleague from Colorado, MARK UDALL, authorizes the Department of the Interior to fund projects for the potential use of extracted water for irrigation and other purposes. It will not surprise anybody that water is scarce in the West, but it may surprise some that a potential source of good quality water is just beneath the land surface and is being wasted every day.

During the process of energy development, about 22 million barrels of water are extracted each year, with most of that water pumped back underground. This legislation will facilitate the use of this abundant water for irrigation and other beneficial purposes. It could potentially help us find new water from what is now a virtually untapped water resource.

I thank the gentleman from Colorado for introducing this legislation, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Ms. BORDALLO asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, this legislation, introduced by my colleague on the Resources Committee, Mr. MARK UDALL, presents an exciting opportunity to solve critical water problems in locations with producing oil and gas wells.

Water is almost always brought to the surface along with oil and gas production, and most of the time the water is a very poor quality. For the oil and gas industry, this water is usually a waste product, something to be disposed of.

Mr. UDALL has recognized this problem of so-called produced water as a unique opportunity to solve critical water problems, and, as my colleagues are aware, this is especially important in the arid western States. This legislation will authorize a study and a limited number of demonstration projects to validate the concept that contaminated water produced from oil and gas wells can in fact be treated and put to beneficial use.

We are appreciative of the hard work Mr. UDALL has done to move this legislation through the Resources Committee.

Mr. Speaker, we strongly support the adoption of H.R. 5110.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. UDALL).

(Mr. UDALL of Colorado asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from Guam for yielding me time, and I thank her for her service to the House.

Mr. Speaker, obviously I rise in support of my bill, H.R. 5110, and I want to begin by thanking Chairman POMBO and Ranking Member RAHALL, as well as subcommittee Chairs RADANOVICH and GIBBONS and Ranking Members NAPOLITANO and GRIJALVA, for making it possible for the House to consider this today.

As we have heard, the bill's purpose is to help change an industry problem that is in the energy industry into an opportunity, not just for oil and gas producers, but for everyone else who would benefit from increased supplies of usable water. Especially in the arid West, that covers everyone, not least our hard-pressed ranchers and farmers.

The focus of the bill is what is called produced water, the underground water extracted in connection with development of energy sources like oil, natural gas or coalbed methane.

The bill would do two things, Mr. Speaker. It would first direct Reclamation and the USGS to identify the obstacles to the greater use of produced

water and how they could be reduced or eliminated. Second, it would provide for Federal help in building three pilot plants to demonstrate ways to treat produced water to make it suitable for irrigation or other uses.

One of these pilot plants would be in the Colorado River's upper basin, one would be in either Arizona or Nevada, and the third one would be in California. Under the bill, the Federal Government would pay up to half the cost of building each plant, but no more than \$1 million for any one plant, and then no Federal funds could be used for operating the plants themselves.

The bill's goals are reflected in its title, which is the More Water and More Energy Act of 2006. More water because of the way it would help supplement the water available for agriculture, municipal or other uses, and more energy because keeping produced water on the surface instead of re-injecting it into the ground can make it possible to recover more oil and gas from the subsurface. These are two goals I think we all can share, and this bill helps us achieve it.

I would urge its support. I want to thank again in closing Congressman RADANOVICH and my good friend from Guam for acknowledging this bill today and yielding me the time.

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, we have no further speakers, and I yield back the balance of my time. Again I want to take this opportunity to thank Mr. UDALL, who is a water expert who has done a great deal of work on this particular piece of legislation.

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. RADANOVICH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5110, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds of those voting having responded in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### LOWELL NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT ACT

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 395) to adjust the boundary of Lowell National Historical Park, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 395

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Lowell National Historical Park Boundary Adjustment Act".

#### SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS.

The Act entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment of the Lowell National

Historical Park in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and for other purposes" approved June 5, 1978 (Public Law 95-290; 92 Stat. 290; 16 U.S.C. 410cc et seq.) is amended as follows:

(1) In section 101(a), by adding a new paragraph after paragraph (2) as follows:

"(3) The boundaries of the park are modified to include five parcels of land identified on the map entitled 'Boundary Adjustment, Lowell National Historical Park,' numbered 475/81,424B and dated September 2004, and as delineated in section 202(a)(2)(G)."

(2) In section 202(a)(2), by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(G) The properties shown on the map identified in subsection (101)(a)(3) as follows:

"(i) 91 Pevey Street.

"(ii) The portion of 607 Middlesex Place.

"(iii) Eagle Court.

"(iv) The portion of 50 Payne Street.

"(v) 726 Broadway."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. RADANOVICH) and the gentlewoman from Guam (Ms. BORDALLO) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 395, introduced by Mr. MEEHAN of Massachusetts and supported by the administration, would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire five small tracts of land totaling less than 1 acre to complete development of the Canal Way, a linear park and walkway along Lowell's 5.6 mile historic power canal system. The acquisition of these tracts will provide the access points necessary for development, maintenance and surveillance necessary to complete the Canal Way.

I urge the adoption of the bill.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Ms. BORDALLO asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, the majority has already explained the purpose of H.R. 395, which was introduced by my colleague from Massachusetts, Representative MARTY MEEHAN.

This is really a housekeeping measure. The five parcels to be added to the park total less than 1 acre. Yes, that is correct, less than 1 acre. The gentleman from Massachusetts, Representative MEEHAN, is to be commended for his efforts on behalf of the Lowell National Historical Park. He has worked diligently to advance the preservation and the interpretation of the historic